

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 10/041,875

Filed: January 7, 2002

Applicant(s): Mautino

Title: RAILWAY CAR COUPLER  
KNUCKLE HAVING IMPROVED  
BEARING SURFACE

Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: Jules, Frantz F.

Attorney Docket No.: 82410

Customer No.: 22242

Confirmation No. 4951

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	3	-	3	**=	0	x \$ 86.00 =	\$ 0.00
Total Claims	16	-	16	* =	0	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims						\$ 290.00	
** At least 3					Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00
* At least 20							

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \$

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

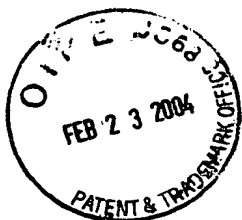
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**Amendment**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to a Notice of Allowance dated November 19, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 1 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.